

SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE RIGHT OF WAY



FAILING TO YIELD THE RIGHT OF WAY IS THE NUMBER ONE CONTRIBUTING CIRCUMSTANCE FOR VEHICLE CRASHES. WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE RIGHT-OF-WAY?



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| ___ | ___ | 1. A yield sign means you should slow down or stop to wait for traffic to clear on the road you are entering or crossing. |
| ___ | ___ | 2. At a four way stop, the driver reaching the intersection first gets to go first (of course, all vehicles must stop.) |
| ___ | ___ | 3. Drivers are required to yield the right of way to a person carrying a white cane walking on a street or highway. |
| ___ | ___ | 4. The law does not really give anyone the right-of-way. |
| ___ | ___ | 5. A right turn on red is legal as long as there are no pedestrians in the crosswalk. |
| ___ | ___ | 6. When making a left turn, motorist must first yield to all pedestrians in the crosswalk, especially the elderly and the young, due to slow mobility and any oncoming traffic. |
| ___ | ___ | 7. When two vehicles approach or enter an uncontrolled intersection at the same time, the operator of the vehicle on the left shall yield to the vehicle on the right. |
| ___ | ___ | 8. Cars coming out of a driveway or alley must stop before the sidewalk, and wait for pedestrians and traffic. |
| ___ | ___ | 9. The fine for failing to yield the right-of-way is \$10.00 . |
| ___ | ___ | 10. The best way to avoid an accident is to drive defensively and be a courteous driver. |

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HOW DID YOU DO?

1. **TRUE.** When approaching a “Yield Sign”, drivers must slow down to check for oncoming traffic or pedestrians. If there is traffic (pedestrian or motor vehicle), you must stop.
2. **TRUE.** Also when 2 vehicles approach or enter an intersection at approximately the same time, the operator of the vehicle on the left shall yield the right-of-way to the vehicle on the right.
3. **TRUE.** Blind persons carry white or red and white canes. They must be given the right of way. Traffic must stop at least 10 feet from them. Failure to do so will result in a fine of \$172.00 and 4 points.
4. **TRUE.** It only states who must yield, and penalizes the driver who fails to do so.
5. **FALSE.** As a driver you must also check to see if there are any signs which state “No right turn on red”. You must also come to a complete stop and signal before turning, and must yield to oncoming traffic.
6. **TRUE.** Drivers must not only be aware of oncoming traffic, but also of pedestrians in the roadway.
7. **TRUE.** Where roads cross, wait for any vehicle coming at the same time on your right.
8. **TRUE.** As a driver, you must stop and look both ways to see if there are pedestrians or vehicle traffic. If you can not see due to buildings, proceed slowly until you have a clear line of vision.
9. **FALSE.** Fines can range from \$83.80 and 4 points for failure to yield the right-of-way to \$235.00 for passing a stopped vehicle waiting for a pedestrian. This also includes a gain of three points on your license.
10. **TRUE.** You don’t always have to be first. Take your time and arrive at your destination, relaxed and crash free.



CONSIDER THE FACTS:

Over half of all types of crashes occur during daylight hours with dry road surface conditions.

One in five crashes is a result of a driver failing to yield the right-of-way.

Three-fourths of crash victims are local residents. Familiarity can cause a problem when driving. Keep alert.

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